

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2018, 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on September 25, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman, Commissioner's Secretary and Karla Bauman, Franklin County Auditor.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

Drainage Board Meeting: The Drainage Board Meeting was opened by Tom Wilson. Mr. Jones filed a petition at the September 11th Commissioners meeting for an obstruction to be removed from the drainage swell on the Erfman Property. Commissioners and County Surveyor, Glen Bailey, made onsite visits to the location to observe if in fact there was an obstruction. There has been some week growth since the repairs were done last year, however, the weeds are also keeping the ditch from eroding. **Motion to agree that there is no obstruction on the Erfman property by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Motion to close the drainage board meeting by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Joe Copeland, FC Engineer: Mr. Copeland discussed with the Commissioners a proposal to put new microsilica overlay on Bridge 59 on Highland Center. After speaking with the contractor, Mr. Copeland is hopeful that this can still be done this year and the cost should be less than \$20,000.

Mr. Copeland also presented to the Commissioners a proposal for engineering fees for road, bridge, slides and guardrail for the St. Mary's Road Project. Mr. Copeland would also like to ask for more money from INDOT for the slide if this proposal is accepted. **Motion the okay for Joe to move ahead with the St. Mary's Road Project by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

Mr. Copeland reviewed the Paser ratings for 2018 and compared them with the ratings from 2016. He also prepared a graph for the Commissioners showing the comparison.

Harry Graves – Open Door Law: Mr. Graves appeared before the Commissioners to voice his opinion on several issues that he has. The first issue was the notice given by Commissioners for an executive session that was to be held at 9:00 a.m. on September 25, 2018, but was later cancelled. He stated he was filing a complaint with the Public Access Counselor. Mr. Graves also voiced his opinion on how a request for public documents was handled by the Clerk. He believes the department heads need better training on how to respond to a request for public documents. He stated he would also be filing a complaint on the response he received. Mr.

Graves also voiced his opinion on the contract the Commissioners have entered into with Grant Reeves. Mr. Graves believes that the contract is too vague. Mr. Graves does not believe that any county employee should be allowed to initiate a lawsuit without first obtaining consent from the Commissioners. The Commissioners informed Mr. Graves that the elected officials were not employees or under the control of the Commissioners. The contract with Grant Reeves allows the department heads to use Mr. Reeves for legal issues they have within their offices.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the September 11, 2018 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

Approve Claims: Motion to approve claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

Approve Payroll & Payroll Deduction: Motion to approve payroll and payroll deductions by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion favored.

Clerk & Treasurer August, 2018 Reports: Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Clerk and Treasurer August, 2018 monthly reports by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Elevator (Oracle): This is a contract to replace cutout key switches in the elevators and ten extra keys. **Motion to sign the Oracle Elevator contract in the sum of \$626.00 to replace cutout key switches and new keys by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Jail – Tech24 Quote: This is a contract to replace the garbage disposal at the jail. **Motion to sign the Tech 24 Contract in the sum of \$3,424.52 less the sales tax (.61) for a total of \$3,423.91 by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Brian Moore: Brian Moore from St. Leon Developers came before the Commissioners to ask if a roadway had been abandoned by the County (Rt. 1). He is wanting to gain access to his property from County Line Rd. He would like to access the property thru the rear to save the frontage. Mr. Roberts stated that the right-of-way is presently being taken off of the taxes. There was also a question in regards to whether or not the Town of St. Leon took over the roadway when part of the town was annexed.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Others Present: Perry Knox, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Joe Copeland, Sara Duffy, Velda Clark, Wayne Monroe, Delores Dobbs, Harry Graves, Josh Epperson and Jeff Larrison
Minutes approved September 11, 2018.

Minutes approved October 2, 2018.

AYES:



Tom Wilson



Tom Linkel




Eric Roberts

NAYS:

Tom Wilson

Tom Linkel

Eric Roberts

Attested By: 

Karla J. Bauman, Franklin County Auditor